

March 2, 2016

#### **Open Mic - Join Us Tomorrow!**

Let's review the Presidential Primary <u>Advisories</u> issued to date, and discuss your questions about overlapping timelines, party selection, and initial ballot sorting. Brian Zylstra and Stuart Holmes will also provide a brief overview of our communications plan.

Join online and receive training credit for the amount of time you participate:

#### Open Mic 3 @ 10 a.m.

Click to join: <a href="https://join.me/355-607-575">https://join.me/355-607-575</a>
 Access code for phone: 355-607-575#

#### Open Mic 4 @ 3 p.m.

Click to join: <a href="https://join.me/207-460-189">https://join.me/207-460-189</a>
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#### More Training | #BeReady2016

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is an approved sponsor for OSOS certification hours. As part of their #BeReady2016 efforts to help election officials prepare, the EAC conducted a webisode with the USPS and FVAP to discuss the challenges and solutions for handling election mail operations.

For a 1-hour training opportunity, view this webisode recorded January 28: <u>How to Make</u> Sure Your Vote by Mail Ballots Count.



# **Canvassing Board Oaths**

Do you know if your Canvassing Board Members (and designees) have taken oaths? RCW 29A.60.140 (1) requires each member to take "an oath of office similar to that taken by county auditors and deputy auditors in the performance of their duties." If the members or designees have taken a general oath of office for their position, an additional oath is not required for serving on the Canvassing Board. However, a designee who has not taken an oath must do so before serving on the Board. Signed oaths must be available for public records requests.

# **Deadline | Certification Exam**

If you're planning to submit a completed exam, and hope to become certified before the Elections Conference in June, please submit your exam no later than **May 1**. This gives us time to review your exam, and gives you time to submit your application for processing. Secretary Wyman will recognize administrators completing all requirements for <a href="Initial Certification">Initial Certification</a> at the assistant and full certification levels.

# **Election Conference & E101**

The <u>Washington State Association of County Auditors</u> (WSACA) manages registration and hotel reservations for the annual Elections Conference. Hotel reservations are scheduled to open March 28, and WSACA will provide the reservation code once it has been assigned.

In collaboration with the conference committee, our office is hosting **Elections 101**, a full 2-day course, at the same location. This will be our best and only opportunity to provide E101 in 2016.

- June 13-14, E101
- June 14, Potential user group meetings
- June 15-17, Elections Conference

# OSOS Represents at Election Center Workshop



Miriam Campbell

Allyson Ruppenthal, our Deputy Director of Elections, sat on a panel of election officials discussing issues with the USPS. She presented our proactive approach to working and communicating with the USPS and our county auditors.

Last week, two of our own traveled down to Phoenix, Arizona to present at an Election Center Special Workshop. Miriam Campbell of our Certification & Training team discussed the importance of building resilience into the emergency management of elections through Continuity of Operation Plans (COOP).



Allyson Ruppenthal

### Job Announcement | Clark County

The Clark County Auditor's Office is currently recruiting for a full-time Office Assistant III to provide complex administrative support for their Elections Division. This position closes Friday, March 11. To view the complete job description and online application, visit the Clark County Careers Website.

View previous editions of the Washington State Elections Weekly.

